

from said connecting portion to form a mounting portion for mounting to a side structure of the vehicle.

Please add the following claim.

-- 12. The side air bag as recited in claim 4, wherein said connecting portion for connecting said two woven fabric panels is formed as a common woven textile structure incorporating yarns of both of said fabric panels.--

REMARKS

Claims 4 and 7 through 11 are now in this application. Claims 3 and 8-11 are rejected. Claims 4 and 7 are allowed. Claim 3 is now cancelled and claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 were previously cancelled. Claims 4, 8 and 11 are amended herein to clarify the subject matter of the invention. New claim 12 is added; however, the claim count is not increased because claim 3 is cancelled.

Claims 3 and 8-11 are rejected as obvious over Buchner in view of Yamada under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). The applicants herein respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claims 4 and 7 are allowed. Claim 3 is cancelled rendering said rejection moot. Claim 4 is amended to remove subject matter not referenced in the reason for

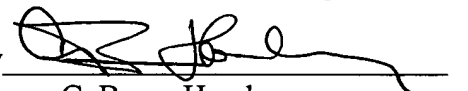
allowance put forth by the Examiner. The removed subject matter is now substantively reflected in added claim 12 which is dependent from claim 4. Claims 8-11 are amended to depend either directly or indirectly from allowed claim 4. Hence, claims 8-11 include the subject matter of claim 4 indicated as allowable. Accordingly, reconsideration of the rejection of claims 8-11 and their allowance are respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

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